

¹/~~23~~ (Amended) A method of liposculpturing an area of the body including a skin surface with multiple layers, and an underlying area made of a loculation of fat that has collagen tissue as a fibrous septae, comprising:

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providing an electromagnetic energy delivery device;
creating a reverse thermal gradient through a surface of the skin while heating the underlying collagen containing tissue;
heating the skin surface and underlying collagen containing tissue sufficiently to partially denature at least a portion of the collagen containing tissue while minimizing cellular destruction;
[without creating a necrosis of melanocytes in the skin; and]
contracting the collagen containing tissue; and
tightening the skin.

¹/~~12-36~~ (Amended) The method of claim ¹/~~23~~, wherein the collagen containing tissue is heated to a temperature [not exceeding] in the range of 30 to 80 degrees C.

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¹/~~13-37~~ (Amended) The method of claim ¹/~~23~~, wherein the collagen containing tissue is heated to a temperature [not exceeding] in the range of 30 to 75 degrees C.

¹/~~14-38~~ (Amended) The method of claim ¹/~~23~~, wherein the collagen containing tissue is heated to a temperature [not exceeding] in the range of 30 to 70 degrees C.

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the specification under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as not supporting the claimed invention. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that there is no support for the language "without creating a necrosis of melanocytes in the skin; no support for the language "not exceeding 80 degrees C," "not exceeding 75 degrees C," or "not exceeding 70 degrees C". Office Action page 2, paragraphs 1-4.

Claims 23-38 stand rejected under 3 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for the reasons set forth in the objection to the specification. Office Action page 2, paragraph 4.